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SUBJECT: TROUBLES IN CBG BAUXITE COMPANY

REF: CONAKRY 1636

1. AF/W DIRECTOR TELEPHONED C. D. WARD (VICE-PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OF MARTIN-MARIETTA AND WASHINGTON HALCO REP), AUGUST 18 TO CONVEY CONTENTS REFTEL. WARD SAID HALCO PRESIDENT FAWCETT IS ON LEAVE AND SUMMARIZED HIS VIEW OF THE MEETING OF JAOUL AND ARNAUD WITH DIAKITE AS FOLLOWS. THIS IS AN INTERNAL CBG MATTER. JAOUL IS SEEKING TO LEARN THE RESULTS OF THE GOG INVESTIGATION OF SHIPLEY. THE CBG BOARD DOES NOT FEEL THAT IT CAN MEET UNTIL ALL MEMBERS ARE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION. WARD, AND PRESUMABLY HALCO, DOES NOT REGARD INCREASING GOG INTEREST IN THE MANAGEMENT OF CBG AS INIMICAL TO THE INTERESTS OF THE COMPANY. WARD BELIEVES THIS INTEREST IS BOTH NATURAL AND HEALTHY, AND SHOULD NOT BE RESISTED. WARD CONTINUED THAT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT MANY HALCO EXECUTIVES ARE ON LEAVE, "IT WOULD BE LOGISTICALLY DIFFICULT" TO ADD A NORTH AMERICAN MEMBER ON SHORT NOTICE TO THE JAOUL DELEGATION. HE SAID
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ON REFLECTION, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD DRAW EMBASSY

CONAKRY'S CONCERNS TO THE ATTENTION OF JAOUL. HE
RECOGNIZED THE UTILITY OF FRANK OFF-THE-RECORD EXCHANGES
BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND DEPARTMENT OFFICERS DIRECTLY
CONCERNED WITH CBG, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THEY
WOULD CONTINUE. HALCO REPS WILL MEET JAOUL IN EUROPE
NEXT WEEK AND HOPE TO GAIN A CLEARER IMPRESSION OF GOG
ATTITUDES AT THAT TIME. KISSINGER

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